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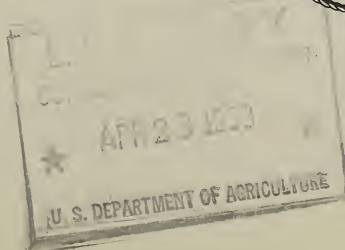
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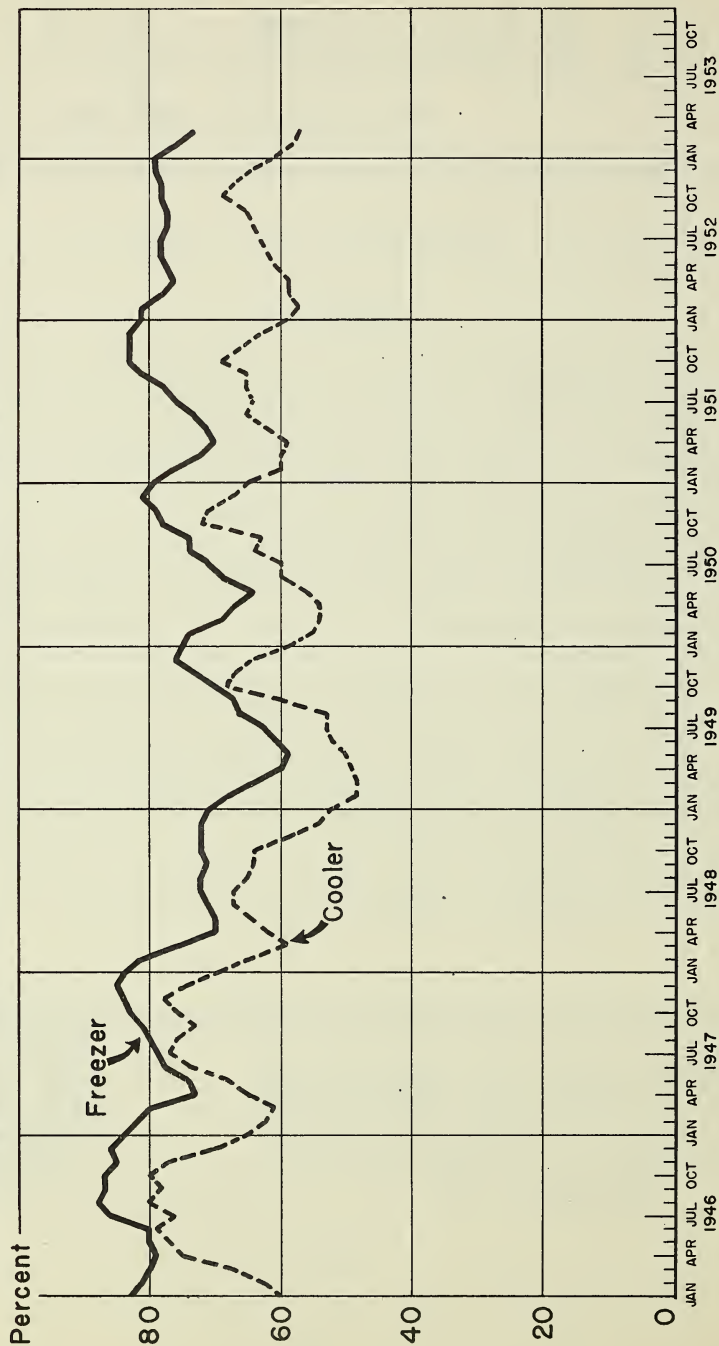
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END OF MONTH OCCUPANCY OF PUBLIC COLD-STORAGE WAREHOUSES, 1946-53



COLD STORAGE REPORT

Analysis of space and holdings, March 31, 1953

[Data for this report are collected from public, private and semiprivate warehouses, apple houses, and meat-packing plants wherein food products are generally stored for 30 days or more. Commodities in space owned or leased and operated by the armed services are not reported. All March 31 figures are preliminary.]

Commodity summary

Refrigerated warehouse reports to the U. S. Department of Agriculture for the month ended March 31 showed that stocks of fresh apples and pears were below average for this time of year. Frozen fruit stocks were reduced by a record amount during March to 190 million pounds while frozen vegetable holdings at 417 million pounds were at their highest level for any March 31 on record. Creamery butter stocks increased to 129 million pounds and American cheese holdings advanced to an all-time March 31 high of 194 million pounds. Beef stocks were 50 percent above average on March 31 while holdings of pork were more than 10 percent below. Holdings of fishery products were down to 137 million pounds. Turkeys at 93 million pounds were close to last year's stores.

Storage occupancy

Utilization of public cooler space on March 31 was 57 percent, the same as a month earlier. However, when compared with previous performance, cooler occupancy was about 2 points below the level of March 31 last year and 1 point above the 5-year average for the end of March. The seasonal decline in freezer occupancy brought national use down 3 points to 73 percent. This compares with 78 percent last year and 72 percent on March 31 during the 5-year period ended 1952. Only in the East North Central, West North Central, South Atlantic, and East South Central States did freezer occupancy, on the average, exceed the national use reported on March 31. In the remaining regions, freezer occupancy ranged from 64 percent (New England) to 72 percent (West South Central and Mountain).

General commodity movement

March net withdrawals from cooler storage of 239 million pounds represented a 15 percent decrease in total weight, thereby leaving 1.3 billion pounds on hand. Moving from storage during March were fresh fruits, dried eggs, beef and pork while stocks of dried and evaporated fruits, nuts and nutmeats, cheese, shell eggs, and selected meat items reflected seasonal gains. Freezer weights also reflected a March net decrease. The total reduction of 145 million pounds was equivalent to a 6 percent decrease over the previous month. Stocks on hand totaled 2.2 billion pounds which was above average for this time of year by almost one-half billion pounds.

Fruits and vegetables

The number of bushels of apples still in storage on March 31 totaled a little more than 6 million. Although these holdings were slightly above those of last year, they were almost 2 million bushels less than average for March 31. Holdings of pears--120,000 bushels--were below average and last year's stocks by 153,000 and 20,000 bushels, respectively. The largest net withdrawal ever reported during March--42 million pounds--brought national stores of frozen fruits down to 190 million pounds by the end of the month. This record out-of-store movement was attributable largely to the seasonal reduction in stocks of frozen cherries and strawberries. The former were reduced by 6 million pounds to 18 million while the latter fell off 19 million pounds to 62 million. Other frozen fruit items reflected net reductions ranging from 1 to 3 million pounds. Frozen vegetable

stocks at 417 million pounds on March 31 compares with 348 million in 1952 and 263 million on hand this time of year during the 5-year period ended 1952. Although the net withdrawal during the month of 34 million pounds was about average for the year, national holdings of frozen vegetables were about 60 percent greater than average and 20 percent above the stocks last year which, at that time, were at a record high for the month. Holdings of frozen orange concentrate, while down to 18 million gallons, were close to the stocks last year when a gain of about 3 million gallons was reported.

Dairy and poultry products

March 31 stores of cream at slightly more than 8 million pounds were about one-third greater than average and twice as great as last year's stocks. Creamery butter holdings advanced to 129 million pounds which was a gain of 30 million pounds over the previous month's stocks. Net accumulations of American cheese brought March 31 stores to 194 million pounds, the highest in history for this time of year. Holdings of all cheeses amounted to 226 million pounds which compares with 155 million last year and 138 million average for March 31 stores. The national increase in shell egg stocks during March was below average and the gain last year. With only a net increase of 128,000 cases, case egg stocks totaled 376,000 on March 31 as compared with 1.6 million cases last year and 979,000 cases in the 5-year average period. Frozen egg stocks were up to 65 million pounds by the end of March or a gain of 23 million pounds over the previous month. Although the seasonal accumulation was about average for the month, total stocks of frozen eggs were below average and the holdings last year. Frozen poultry holdings fell off to 175 million pounds by March 31 as net withdrawals equalled 46 million pounds. This seasonal net reduction was slightly greater than average and about 20 percent better than last year's net reduction. Turkey stocks were down to 93 million pounds and were close to last year's stocks.

Meat and meat products

Net withdrawals of meats and meat products from storage during March were more than twice the average and is in contrast to a net increase of 33 million pounds last year. With stocks reduced by 54 million pounds, total holdings were 989 million pounds which compares with 1.2 billion last year and 951 million on March 31 during the 5-year period ended 1952. Beef stocks fell off during the month to 232 million pounds, a net reduction of 22 million pounds, while pork stocks were down 34 million pounds to 570 million. Current holdings of pork were more than 10 percent less than average and about 30 percent less than 1952 stores.

Fishery products

Total stores of fishery products were reduced to 137 million pounds by March 31 which compares with 131 million last year and 109 million pounds on March 31 during the 5-year period ended 1952. Stocks of frozen fishery products accounted for almost 120 million pounds while cured fishery products were almost unchanged from the previous month's stores.

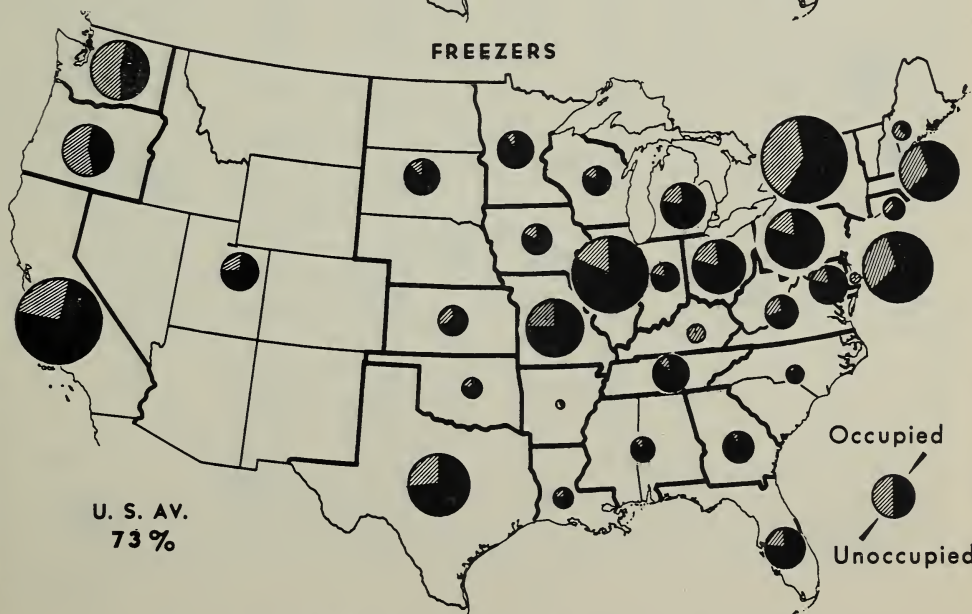
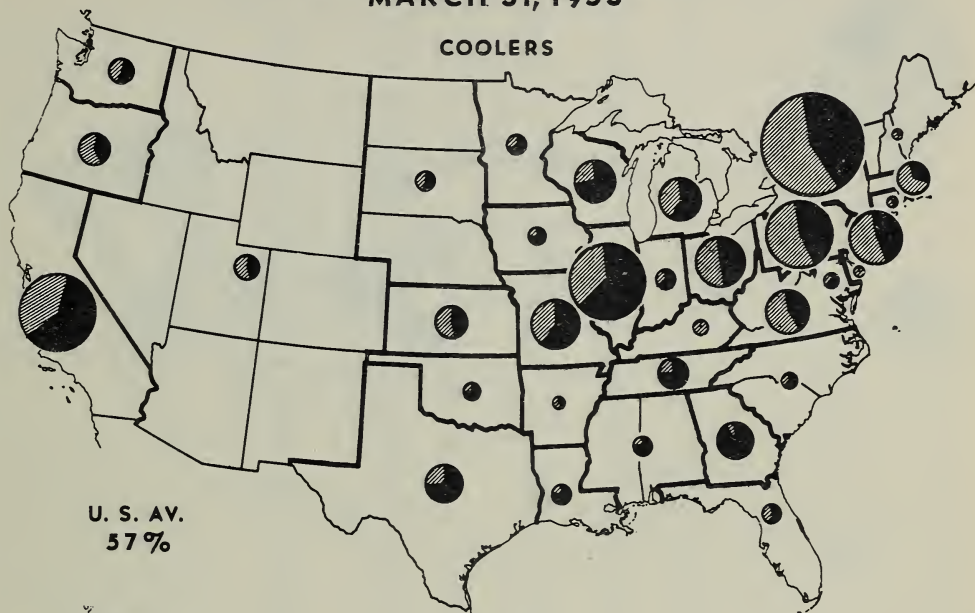
Storage outlook

Cooler occupancy is expected to increase during April as the end of March generally marks the beginning of the upward cycle in cooler utilization. A rise of 1 point is indicated by historical performance but much will depend on the rate of movement of shell eggs into storage which so far has been below average and the net accumulations of cheese. Freezer occupancy started on its downward cycle in March and is expected to decline another 3 points by the end of April.

PUBLIC GENERAL COLD-STORAGE WAREHOUSES

(APPLE HOUSES EXCLUDED)
PERCENTAGE OF SPACE OCCUPIED

MARCH 31, 1953



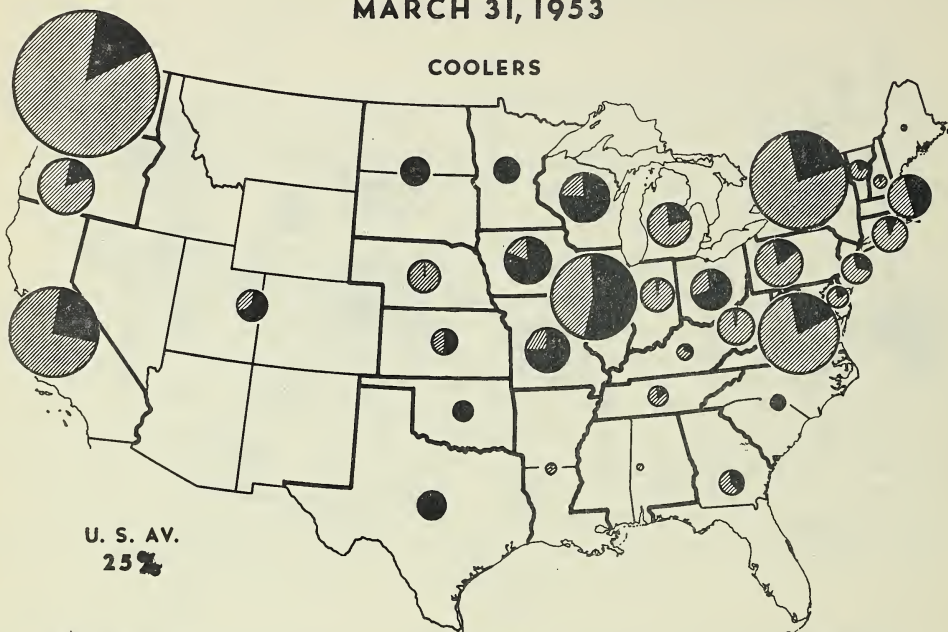
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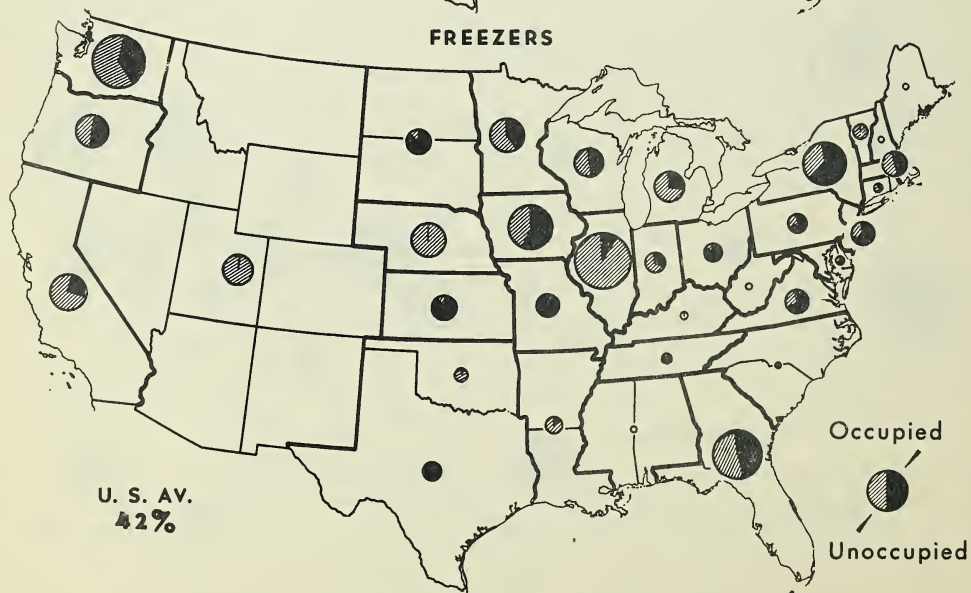
PERCENTAGE OF SPACE OCCUPIED

MARCH 31, 1953

COOLERS



FREEZERS



Areas of circles are in proportion to net piling space reported for the October 1, 1951 biennial space survey. See table 4

Table 1. — End-of-month space and occupancy in public general cold storage warehouses (Apple houses excluded)

State or Geographic Region	Net piling space reported (1)		Percentage of net piling space occupied							
	March 1953		Mar. 1948-52 av.		Mar. 1952		Feb. 1953		Mar. 1953 (2)	
	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer
	'000' cu. ft.		Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
Maine, N. H. and Vt.....	403	1,044	55	67	51	76	24	45	22	39
Massachusetts.....	2,067	5,163	46	71	42	78	28	72	33	68
R. I. and Connecticut.....	377	950	54	69	47	74	54	69	38	68
NEW ENGLAND.....	2,847	7,157	47	70	43	78	30	68	32	64
New York.....	20,094	18,978	48	64	50	70	50	70	43	62
New Jersey.....	4,265	8,675	60	71	74	75	61	79	47	68
Pennsylvania.....	5,357	6,459	49	75	52	83	43	82	44	82
MIDDLE ATLANTIC.....	22,716	34,112	50	69	54	74	50	75	43	67
Ohio.....	4,105	6,228	49	73	53	84	50	82	49	80
Indiana.....	773	2,000	52	81	55	85	58	81	66	80
Illinois.....	14,921	14,061	59	75	61	86	65	85	65	81
Michigan.....	3,878	3,869	66	74	63	84	56	83	60	79
Wisconsin.....	4,385	1,506	66	76	62	87	69	86	72	80
EAST NORTH CENTRAL.....	23,062	27,664	59	75	60	85	62	84	63	81
Minnesota.....	1,174	4,315	71	85	67	91	73	89	68	90
Iowa.....	389	1,977	74	84	84	94	76	87	74	82
Missouri.....	4,304	7,821	67	83	70	89	61	71	60	74
Dakotas and Nebraska.....	839	4,061	56	86	36	95	47	89	54	87
Kansas.....	4,962	2,511	65	83	60	84	41	68	45	66
WEST NORTH CENTRAL.....	11,668	20,685	66	84	64	91	53	79	54	79
Delaware.....	(3)	(3)	72	68	(3)	56	(3)	79	(3)	(3)
Maryland and D. C.....	889	4,183	49	74	74	74	82	88	68	81
Virginia and West Va.....	5,378	2,630	53	76	45	84	46	75	42	71
North and South Carolina.....	301	320	59	83	57	79	66	84	63	88
Georgia.....	2,517	1,690	67	88	91	98	91	86	93	93
Florida.....	945	3,989	64	80	64	82	54	79	57	77
SOUTH ATLANTIC.....	10,030	12,812	58	78	67	82	61	81	59	79
Kentucky.....	(3)	(3)	65	80	85	75	40	91	(3)	(3)
Tennessee.....	9,581	6,222	68	80	56	90	74	82	76	90
Alabama and Mississippi.....	710	860	68	88	69	96	76	89	74	82
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL.....	10,291	7,082	67	82	67	90	69	84	75	89
Arkansas.....	258	498	55	59	53	50	42	47	40	46
Louisiana.....	876	795	74	83	71	95	80	80	79	75
Oklahoma.....	547	1,232	71	78	68	88	72	78	72	78
Texas.....	5,659	6,326	62	56	61	56	73	74	72	73
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL.....	7,340	8,851	65	62	64	63	73	74	72	72
MOUNTAIN.....	2,036	2,983	70	77	79	89	57	73	44	72
Washington.....	2,596	5,618	48	51	53	54	59	58	53	46
Oregon.....	2,058	5,274	44	45	70	52	46	50	40	44
California.....	12,084	18,976	55	76	57	80	62	78	61	74
PACIFIC.....	16,738	29,868	52	63	58	67	59	69	57	63
United States (4).....	118,728	151,214	56	72	59	78	57	76	57	73

(1) These figures represent space reported to USDA and temperatures at which it was held March 31, 1953.

(2) Preliminary.

(3) Insufficient returns received from this State.

(4) Weighted average of the occupancy for geographic regions based on the corresponding net piling space.

Table 2. -- End-of-month space and occupancy in private and semiprivate cold storage warehouses (Apple houses excluded)

Regions	Net piling space (1)		Percentage of net piling space occupied					
			Mar. 1951	Mar. 1952	Mar. 1953			
	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer
	"000" cu. ft.		Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
New England.....	100	152	87	78	-	-	39	34
Middle Atlantic.....	1,523	1,202	46	80	36	57	36	73
East North Central..	2,849	5,045	59	74	65	77	70	11
West North Central..	71	876	86	75	44	51	14	41
South Atlantic.....	116	6,349	68	73	43	78	45	50
East South Central..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
West South Central..	-	-	71	59	56	79	-	-
Mountain.....	464	-	93	-	29	84	65	-
Pacific.....	2,332	4,870	21	51	24	35	37	35
United States (2)	7,582	18,666	51	69	45	66	51	36

(1) These figures represent space reported to USDA and temperatures at which it was held March 31, 1953.

(2) Weighted average of the occupancy for geographic regions based on the corresponding net piling space.

Table 3. -- End-of-month space and occupancy in meat-packing plants

Regions	Net piling space (1)		Percentage of net piling space occupied					
			Mar. 1951	Mar. 1952	Mar. 1953			
	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer
	"000" cu. ft.		Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
New England.....	-	-	70	-	-	-	-	-
Middle Atlantic.....	1,148	367	87	88	85	84	75	52
East North Central..	2,603	568	87	88	87	93	83	65
West North Central..	2,988	1,581	90	90	90	94	98	84
South Atlantic.....	49	58	86	99	73	100	65	100
East South Central..	115	49	93	88	100	87	100	100
West South Central..	294	44	100	100	100	100	100	100
Mountain.....	-	-	91	98	-	-	-	-
Pacific.....	1,143	109	92	93	93	93	59	90
United States (2)	8,423	2,778	90	91	89	93	85	77

(1) These figures represent space reported to USDA and temperatures at which it was held March 31, 1953.

(2) Weighted average of the occupancy for geographic regions based on the corresponding net piling space.

Table 4. -- United States refrigerated net piling space capacity October 1, 1951 1/

State or geographic region	Type of warehouse							
	Public general		Private & semiprivate general		Meat-packing plants		Apple houses	
	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler
	cu. ft.	cu. ft.	cu. ft.	cu. ft.	cu. ft.	cu. ft.	cu. ft.	cu. ft.
Maine, N. H. and Vt...	823	193	546	306	2/	2/	32	903
Massachusetts.....	7,804	2,588	874	250	547	1,116	13	2,333
Rhode Island and Con..	1,283	29	2/	2/	2/	2/	10	2,476
NEW ENGLAND.....	9,910	2,810	1,543	704	602	1,453	55	5,712
New York.....	17,174	20,694	2,578	4,583	639	3,296	857	14,689
New Jersey.....	10,866	5,252	1,139	325	36	559	32	1,325
Pennsylvania.....	8,213	8,846	547	245	130	946	157	4,039
MIDDLE ATLANTIC.....	36,258	34,792	4,264	5,153	805	4,801	1,046	20,053
Ohio.....	6,829	6,063	452	570	352	2,515	4	883
Indiana.....	1,830	907	333	456	520	1,662	-	442
Illinois.....	12,526	13,146	5,530	5,303	2,096	8,982	23	1,873
Michigan.....	4,882	4,044	2,030	1,534	379	922	(61	(2,074
Wisconsin.....	1,835	4,544	491	3,593	1,597	1,775	(61	(2,074
EAST NORTH CENTRAL..	27,902	28,704	8,836	11,456	4,944	15,856	88	5,272
Minnesota.....	3,198	1,168	1,048	56	1,863	1,419	-	-
Iowa.....	2,467	696	869	491	3,603	4,989	-	-
Missouri.....	7,381	5,591	41	341	980	3,495	-	485
Dakotas and Nebraska..	2,944	618	1,525	593	2,732	3,703	-	-
Kansas.....	1,987	1,912	492	281	910	1,105	-	135
WEST NORTH CENTRAL..	17,977	9,985	3,975	1,762	10,088	14,711	-	620
Delaware.....	413	155	-	-	2/	2/	(-	(1,007
Maryland and D. C.....	3,154	588	73	39	2/	2/	(-	(1,007
Va. and W. Va.....	2,452	5,234	407	86	1	231	893	16,811
No. and So. Carolina..	622	500	95	264	2/	2/	9	326
Georgia.....	2,462	2,961	95	148	412	1,006	-	-
Florida.....	4,141	1,058	4,602	112	-	-	-	-
SOUTH ATLANTIC.....	13,244	10,496	5,272	649	542	1,503	902	18,144
Kentucky.....	846	556	119	336	35	335	-	-
Tennessee.....	2,743	2,101	2/	2/	295	466	2/	2/
Ala. and Miss.....	1,093	1,006	2/	2/	32	-	-	-
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL	4,682	3,663	144	340	362	801	2/	2/
Arkansas.....	289	258	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/
Louisiana.....	1,205	953	613	2/	2/	2/	-	-
Oklahoma.....	964	809	2/	2/	378	1,035	-	-
Texas.....	9,457	3,539	149	646	620	1,119	-	-
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL..	11,915	5,559	822	686	1,026	2,154	2/	2/
MOUNTAIN.....	3,317	1,658	961	543	1,179	1,348	2/	2/
Washington.....	7,365	1,594	3,662	860	(641	(1,212	2,528	49,479
Oregon.....	6,251	2,336	2,466	540	(641	(1,212	-	6,489
California.....	17,550	13,510	2,089	11,300	550	1,594	189	5,316
PACIFIC.....	31,166	17,440	8,217	12,700	1,191	2,806	2,717	61,284
UNITED STATES.....	156,371	115,107	34,034	33,993	20,739	45,433	4,818	111,522

1/ Total storage capacity in the United States and the lowest temperature at which it could be held as reported by the latest biennial survey, October 1, 1951.

2/ This state does not have 3 or more warehouses of this classification.

Table 5. — Net changes in storage holdings during March (1)

Cooler Commodities	Holdings ' Mar. 31	Net Change ' during Mar.		Freezer Commodities	Holdings ' Mar. 31	Net Change ' during Mar.	
	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	Pct.		1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	Pct.
Apples.....	308,736	-208,464	40	Fruits.....	189,900	-42,197	18
Pears.....	6,000	-15,400	72	Vegetables.....	416,625	-33,640	7
Dried & ev. fts..	37,599	+ 233	1	Cream.....	8,373	-2,326	22
Nuts & nutmeats..	124,514	+ 11,632	10	Cream'y butter..	129,261	+ 29,704	30
Cheese.....	227,910	+ 9,539	4	Eggs.....	65,077	+ 22,658	53
Shell eggs.....	16,920	+ 5,760	52	Poultry.....	174,597	-46,009	21
Dried eggs.....	3,102	-76	2	Beef.....	221,245	-21,039	9
Beef.....	11,139	-565	5	Pork.....	421,865	-26,346	6
Pork.....	148,626	-7,976	5	Sausage.....	8,973	-635	7
Sausage.....	11,708	+ 2,387	26	Lamb and mutton.	20,883	-2,787	12
Canned meats.....	61,737	+ 7,398	14	Veal.....	19,955	-514	3
Other.....	366,364	-43,862	11	Edible offal....	63,168	-4,104	6
				Other.....	430,780	-17,345	4
Total.....	1,324,355	-239,394	15	Total.....	2,170,702	-144,580	6

(1) For a detailed breakdown see the following tables.

NET WEIGHT OF COOLER AND FREEZER COMMODITIES, END OF MONTH, 1951-53

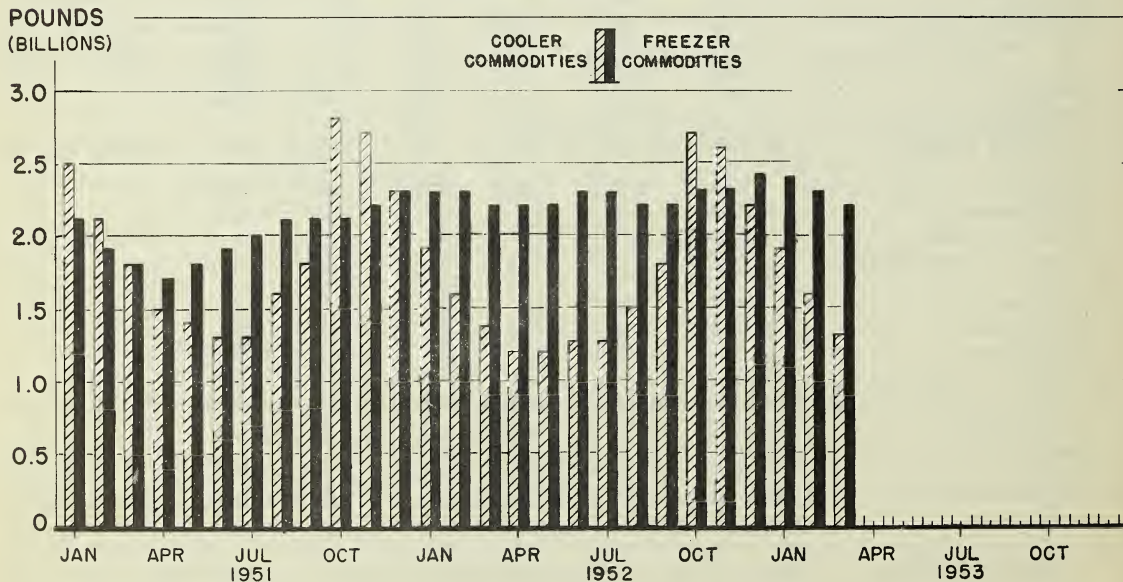


Table 6. — End-of-month space and occupancy in public general warehouses in selected cities

Cities (1)	Net piling space reported (2)		Percentage of net piling space occupied							
	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer
	"000" cu. ft.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
NEW ENGLAND										
Boston.....	1,228	3,697	29	79	28	75	18	71	25	65
MID ATLANTIC										
New York.....	10,332	14,523	67	81	79	80	61	77	52	68
Buffalo.....	898	2,054	35	69	39	64	45	66	50	62
Rochester.....	4,852	2,327	35	67	17	63	35	61	20	44
Philadelphia.....	2,444	4,329	65	88	61	85	49	83	49	81
Pittsburgh.....	(3)	(3)	54	90	57	85	54	91	(3)	(3)
E. N. CENTRAL										
Cleveland.....	2,012	2,295	63	90	62	83	57	85	51	83
Cincinnati.....	756	2,006	36	83	8	91	31	75	36	73
Chicago.....	11,860	13,459	57	87	57	86	66	85	67	81
Detroit.....	3,293	3,455	68	82	71	84	55	85	63	79
Milwaukee.....	(3)	(3)	80	85	65	92	85	90	(3)	(3)
W. N. CENTRAL										
Minneapolis.....	733	2,234	85	97	76	96	81	91	73	92
St. Louis.....	1,784	3,627	86	97	88	94	79	75	74	77
Kansas City.....	1,124	3,137	59	84	72	85	44	65	70	69
SOUTH ATLANTIC										
Baltimore.....	504	2,672	73	86	77	90	78	88	75	79
Richmond.....	552	713	74	93	70	86	61	63	57	65
Norfolk.....	934	981	86	94	61	90	84	91	81	86
E. S. CENTRAL										
Nashville.....	1,048	1,845	51	82	45	91	71	79	83	81
Memphis.....	164	657	58	91	60	91	68	92	84	96
W. S. CENTRAL										
New Orleans.....	825	595	85	86	75	95	80	83	79	76
Dallas-Ft. Worth.	3,737	4,707	55	49	55	49	72	76	72	75
PACIFIC										
Seattle.....	1,067	1,762	63	75	65	74	63	70	56	49
Tacoma.....	353	1,984	21	46	34	40	22	58	32	53
Portland.....	693	3,120	22	58	90	51	61	47	67	44
Los Angeles.....	2,872	4,836	66	87	66	86	65	75	64	73
San Francisco.....	3,770	4,107	62	95	72	97	80	85	78	83
San Jose.....	1,111	2,110	18	85	27	75	34	84	33	80
Modesto.....	852	1,511	67	70	53	66	84	59	74	55

(1) Space shown includes public warehouses within a 25-mile radius of city named.

(2) Figures represent space reported to USDA March 31, 1953 and temperatures at which it was held on that date.

(3) Insufficient returns received from this city.

Table 7. — End-of-month space and occupancy in apple houses

Regions	Net piling space (1)		Percentage of net piling space occupied					
	Cooler	Freezer	Mar. 1951		Mar. 1952		Mar. 1953	
			Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer
	"000" cu. ft.		Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
New England.....	1,741	-	21	25	8	-	10	-
Middle Atlantic.....	15,475	477	29	59	22	80	18	61
East North Central..	3,271	16	41	73	21	80	15	-
West North Central..	475	-	56	100	21	97	22	-
South Atlantic.....	13,008	256	20	66	17	80	16	57
East South Central..)								
West South Central..)	330	10	-	-	1	60	1	100
Mountain.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pacific.....	42,690	400	33	20	11	38	15	20
United States (2).....	76,990	1,159	30	57	14	66	16	45

(1) These figures represent space reported to USDA and temperatures at which it was held March 31, 1953.

(2) Weighted average of the occupancy for geographic regions based on the corresponding net piling space.

Table 8. — End-of-month apple holdings, by States

States	Mar.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.
	'1948-52 av.'	1952	1953	1953
- Thousands of bushels -				
Vt., Mass., and Conn.....	317	235	260	135
New York.....	1,168	1,070	1,626	842
New Jersey.....	283	300	261	165
Pennsylvania.....	266	227	252	126
Ohio.....	156	118	105	75
Illinois.....	326	236	215	177
Michigan.....	275	223	233	140
Missouri.....	101	45	67	42
Kansas.....	13	5	29	27
Virginia.....	662	638	1,030	670
West Virginia.....	123	127	154	59
Washington.....	3,520	1,799	4,442	2,747
Oregon.....	237	104	525	309
California.....	554	617	1,073	672
Other States (1).....	336	239	503	256
U. S. total.....	8,337	5,983	10,775	6,432

(1) Holdings for States having significant quantities of apples are given above. Other holdings shown under "Other States".

Table 9. -- Fresh fruits and vegetables

'Net changes in stocks during March and comparisons --

Fresh apples: Decreased by 4 million bushels; March 1952 decrease was 5 million bushels; average March decrease was 5 million bushels.

Fresh pears: Decreased by 308 thousand bushels; March 1952 decrease was 144 thousand bushels; average March decrease was 332 thousand bushels.

End-of-month stocks of fruits and vegetables	' Mar. ' 1948-52 av. ' 1952	' Mar. ' 1952	' Feb. ' 1953	' Mar. ' 1953
	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.
FRESH APPLES				
Apples.....Western, standard boxes (1)	4,515	2,708	6,196	3,929
Apples.....Western, other containers (2)	207	56	152	64
Apples.....Eastern, bushel baskets	1,600	1,278	1,588	936
Apples.....Eastern, other containers (2)	2,015	1,941	2,839	1,503
Total.....bushels	8,337	5,983	10,775	6,432
FRESH PEARS				
Pears, Bartletts.....packed boxes	3	4	3	4
Pears, Bartletts.....loose boxes	-	1	1	-
Pears, all other varieties..boxes	264	135	421	112
Pears.....bushel baskets	6	-	3	4
Total.....bushels	273	140	428	120

OTHER FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Fresh grapes.....pounds	(3)	(3)	12,946	1,379
Other fresh fruits..... "	8,719	8,363	5,421	4,755
Dried & evaporated fruits... "	48,277	52,538	37,366	37,599
Onions..... "	39,805	8,649	39,663	12,273
Celery..... "	1,968	607	935	391
Other fresh vegetables..... "	102,675	93,050	76,549	88,750
Nutmeats, peanuts..... "	31,710	29,256	45,641	50,918
Nutmeats, other nuts..... "	27,440	33,022	22,060	30,239
Peanuts, in shell..... "	1,984	1,712	1,358	1,111
Other nuts in shell..... "	40,470	49,856	43,823	42,246

(1) Western apples are those grown in Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Nevada, Wyoming, Montana, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico.

(2) Other containers reported in terms of bushels.

(3) Data not available.

Table 10. — Dairy and poultry holdings by States March 31, 1953

States	Cream		Creamery	American	Shell	Frozen	Total
	'Fluid	'Plastic	butter	cheese	eggs	eggs	Poultry
	Thous. pounds	Thous. pounds	Thous. pounds	Thous. pounds	Thous. cases	Thous. pounds	Thous. pounds
Massachusetts.....	391	33	515	1,603	3	662	6,204
Other States.....			406	116	13	304	2,180
NEW ENGLAND.....			921	1,719	16	966	8,384
New York.....	2,537	362	9,929	20,927	9	4,049	21,724
New Jersey.....	300		1,976	3,801	12	1,966	8,560
Pennsylvania.....	1,257		3,713	1,814	6	2,019	8,953
MIDDLE ATLANTIC.....			15,618	26,542	27	8,034	39,237
Ohio.....	386		4,516	4,726	11	3,020	10,073
Indiana.....	75		3,110	1,091	4	1,011	859
Illinois.....	639		29,330	18,841	43	10,634	30,856
Michigan.....	69		1,953	3,654	6	655	3,289
Wisconsin.....	1		5,202	97,172		284	1,620
EAST NORTH CENTRAL....			44,111	125,484	64	15,604	46,697
Minnesota.....	32		25,228	2,145	5	628	4,332
Iowa.....	23		13,880	320	2	2,787	2,931
Missouri.....	25	119	5,955	12,372	33	13,758	4,267
Dakotas.....			1,470	64	1	19	37
Nebraska.....	68		6,339	331	26	4,154	7,750
Kansas.....			4,480	1,224	33	5,953	1,177
WEST NORTH CENTRAL....			57,352	16,456	100	27,299	20,494
SOUTH ATLANTIC.....			1,031	1,236	22	3,356	12,319
Kentucky.....			623	576	1	296	953
Tennessee.....			1,350	3,857	6	1,401	1,619
Ala. and Mississippi.....			246	3,482		318	1,125
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL....			2,219	7,915	7	2,015	3,697
Arkansas and Louisiana...			1,418	137	6	529	1,958
Oklahoma.....			3,162	402	2	926	1,037
Texas.....	119	65	600	5,293	19	3,086	5,973
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL....			5,180	5,832	27	4,541	8,968
Colorado.....			553	184	2	257	2,051
Other States.....			280	1,648	4	285	2,686
MOUNTAIN.....			833	1,823	6	542	4,737
Washington.....			516	358	33	689	3,490
Oregon.....			604	3,761	27	305	4,639
California.....	951	3	876	3,372	47	1,726	21,935
PACIFIC.....			1,996	7,491	107	2,720	30,064
Other States cream only.....	765	153					
United States.....	7,638	735	129,261	194,498	376	65,077	174,597

Table 11. -- Dairy and poultry products

Net changes in stocks during March and comparisons --					
Cream: Decreased by 2 million pounds; March 1952 decrease was 1 million pounds; average March decrease was 2 million pounds.					
Butter: Increased by 30 million pounds; March 1952 change was a decrease of 1 million pounds; average March change was a decrease of 5 million pounds.					
Cheese: Increased by 7 million pounds; March 1952 change was a decrease of 11 million pounds; average March change was a decrease of 7 million pounds.					
Shell eggs: Increased by 128 thousand cases; March 1952 increase was 654 thousand cases; average March increase was 508 thousand cases.					
Frozen eggs: Increased by 23 million pounds; March 1952 increase was 24 million pounds; average March increase was 28 million pounds.					
Frozen poultry: Decreased by 46 million pounds; March 1952 decrease was 38 million pounds; average March decrease was 43 million pounds.					
End-of-month stocks of dairy and poultry products	Unit	Mar. 1948-52 av.	Mar. 1952	Feb. 1953	Mar. 1953
CREAM AND MILK		Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.
Fluid cream.....	lb.	5,251	3,547	9,609	7,638
Plastic cream (75-85% butterfat)...	"	810	550	1,090	735
Condensed milk (bulk).....	"	-	4,329	6,775	6,577
Evap. and Cond. milk (case goods)...	"	-	2,747	26,915	18,033
BUTTER					
Creamery.....	"	28,634	6,505	99,557	129,261
CHEESE					
American Cheddar.....	"	120,499	133,815	186,776	194,498
Swiss including block.....	"	4,012	7,384	14,970	14,644
All other varieties.....	"	13,957	13,996	16,625	16,588
Total varieties.....	"	138,468	155,195	218,371	225,730
EGGS					
Shell.....	Case	979	1,596	248	376
Frozen eggs, total.....	lb.	96,743	84,295	42,419	65,077
Whites.....	"	23,361	23,134	9,731	17,771
Yolks.....	"	19,590	19,908	11,442	15,024
Mixed.....	"	49,085	35,187	18,858	28,691
Unclassified.....	"	4,707	6,066	2,388	3,591
Dried eggs, total.....	"	43,008	14,825	3,178	3,102
Total eggs (1).....	Case	7,804	5,238	1,662	2,370
FROZEN POULTRY					
Broilers.....	lb.	5,051	5,443	4,294	3,914
Fryers.....	"	14,180	18,634	15,656	13,956
Roasters.....	"	12,940	11,764	5,733	4,835
Fowls.....	"	48,416	68,594	40,562	29,085
Turkeys.....	"	77,159	93,361	117,535	92,972
Ducks.....	"	2,447	2,672	3,848	1,566
Miscellaneous.....	"	8,676	8,269	9,818	8,492
Unclassified.....	"	21,588	24,095	23,160	19,777
Total poultry.....	"	190,457	232,832	220,606	174,597

(1) Frozen eggs are converted on the basis of 38.5 pounds to the case and dried eggs on the basis of 10.2 pounds to the case.

Table 12. — Commodities held in public general cold storage warehouses, January 31, 1953

Cooler Commodities	Net weight 1,000 pounds	Freezer Commodities	Net weight 1,000 pounds
Apples.....	132,096	Fruits.....	218,398
Pears.....	21,150	Frozen fruit juices...	131,055
Dried and ev. fts....	35,432	Vegetables.....	414,347
Nuts and nutmeats....	87,949	Cream.....	14,817
Fish.....	15,530	Creamery butter.....	74,577
Cheese.....	159,582	Frozen eggs.....	32,407
Shell eggs.....	4,815	Poultry.....	236,797
Dried eggs.....	3,146	Beef.....	200,639
Beef.....	1,553	Pork.....	268,116
Pork.....	4,073	Sausage.....	8,085
Sausage.....	466	Lamb and mutton.....	13,495
Canned meats.....	12,605	Veal.....	16,372
Lard and pork fat....	46,769	Edible offal.....	27,775
Other.....	285,034	Fish.....	138,064
		Other.....	33,173
Total.....	810,200	Total.....	1,828,117

Table 13. — End-of-month stocks of certain commodities held by the Government (1)

Commodity	Unit	Mar. 1948-52 av.	Mar. 1952	Feb. 1953	Mar. 1953 (2)
		Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.
Butter, creamery.....	lb.	18,770	1,733	67,981	82,638
American cheese.....	"	4,182	1,361	15,666	35,786
Shell eggs.....	Case	50	160	58	66
Frozen eggs.....	lb.	13,557	36	36	22
Dried eggs.....	"	37,329	7,866	-	-
Poultry.....	"	7,381	10,076	12,989	7,225
Pork.....	"	(3)	27,444	37,306	32,045
Beef.....	"	(3)	61,859	16,893	16,639

(1) Government holdings are included in the tables of total holdings elsewhere in the report and consist of reported stocks held by USDA, the armed services, and other Government agencies. In addition to stocks reported above, the armed services hold some stocks in space owned and operated by them on which figures are not available.

(2) Based on actual reports. Estimates on late reports are not included. Current figures will be revised next month.

(3) Data not available.

Table 14. — Frozen fruits and vegetables

Net changes in stocks during March and comparisons --

Frozen fruits: Decreased by 42 million pounds; March 1952 decrease was 31 million pounds; average March decrease was 35 million pounds.

Frozen vegetables: Decreased by 34 million pounds; March 1952 decrease was 51 million pounds; average March decrease was 35 million pounds.

Frozen orange juice: Decreased by 1 million gallons; March 1952 increase was 3 million gallons.

End-of-month stocks of frozen fruits and vegetables	Mar. 1948-52 av.	Mar. 1952	Feb. 1953	Mar. 1953
	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.
FROZEN FRUITS				
Apples.....	28,280	24,509	23,339	22,404
Apricots.....	6,136	4,696	3,951	3,200
Blackberries.....	7,676	9,490	9,126	7,148
Blueberries.....	10,470	16,223	11,760	9,852
Cherries.....	35,917	42,536	24,321	18,206
Grapes.....	12,597	13,493	10,112	7,864
Peaches.....	18,377	17,654	24,915	21,865
Plums and prunes.....	5,749	7,626	6,304	5,568
Raspberries.....	18,324	16,627	14,004	11,484
Strawberries.....	42,955	58,262	80,719	61,565
Young, Logan, Boysen, etc.....	7,925	4,840	6,186	5,318
All other fruits.....	31,938	19,697	17,360	15,426
Total.....	226,344	235,653	232,097	189,900
FROZEN JUICES				
Orange juice (1).....	-	180,305	192,235	182,766
Gallons equivalent (2).....	-	18,213	19,418	18,461
Other fruit juices and purees.....	41,327	50,777	71,901	76,670
FROZEN VEGETABLES				
Asparagus.....	5,154	6,725	7,691	5,905
Beans, lima.....	41,264	54,215	60,578	55,847
Beans, snap.....	22,284	35,061	38,939	33,353
Broccoli.....	18,146	26,163	42,930	44,200
Brussels sprouts.....	9,232	13,924	13,356	11,318
Cauliflower.....	7,955	8,882	16,383	17,335
Corn, sweet.....	20,946	19,040	28,479	21,526
Peas, green.....	65,425	79,940	107,214	89,766
Pumpkin and squash.....	5,740	7,754	12,428	11,510
Spinach.....	16,605	26,825	36,130	40,262
All other vegetables.....	50,295	69,494	86,137	85,603
Total.....	263,046	348,023	450,265	416,625

(1) Orange juice--single strength and concentrated. Includes stocks in packer and public warehouses.

(2) Converted on the basis of 9.9 pounds per gallon.

Table 15. -- Meats and meat products

Net changes in stocks during March and comparisons --

Beef: Decreased by 22 million pounds; March 1952 change was an increase of 2 million pounds; average March change was a decrease of 13 million pounds.

Pork: Decreased by 34 million pounds; March 1952 change was an increase of 28 million pounds; average March decrease was 11 million pounds.

Other meats: Increased by 2 million pounds; March 1952 increase was 3 million pounds; average March change was a decrease of 1 million pounds.

End-of-month stocks of meats and meat products	Mar. '1948-52 av.	Mar. 1952	Feb. 1953	Mar. 1953
	<u>1,000 lb.</u>	<u>1,000 lb.</u>	<u>1,000 lb.</u>	<u>1,000 lb.</u>
BEEF				
Frozen.....	139,897	244,819	239,993	219,278
In cure, cured and smoked.....	11,808	10,733	13,995	13,106
Total.....	151,705	255,552	253,988	232,384
PORK				
Frozen.....	407,170	558,333	396,907	372,341
Dry salt, in cure and cured.....	59,064	59,342	38,841	41,878
Other in cure, cured, and smoked.....	187,137	204,331	169,065	156,272
Total.....	653,371	822,006	604,813	570,491
OTHER MEATS AND MEAT PRODUCTS				
Sausage and sausage room products.....	15,306	18,046	18,929	20,681
Frozen lamb and mutton.....	12,494	14,896	23,670	20,883
Frozen veal.....	11,171	11,885	20,469	19,955
Canned meats and meat products.....	45,781	49,655	54,339	61,737
All edible offal.....	61,217	70,309	67,272	63,168
Total other meats and meat products....	145,969	164,791	184,679	186,424
Total all meats.....	951,045	1,242,349	1,043,480	989,299
HIDES AND PELTS				
	55,462	51,127	59,762	56,971

Table 16. — End-of-month stocks of fishery products (1)

Species	Mar. '1948-52 av.	Mar. 1952	Feb. 1953	Mar. 1953
Salt-water fish: frozen	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.
Bait and animal food.....	3,944	4,207	3,854	3,814
Cod, had'k, hake, pollock, whole.....	926	733	1,025	1,071
Filletts:				
Cod.....	5,175	5,680	12,393	10,403
Flounder (inc. sole).....	1,437	2,891	4,939	3,685
Haddock.....	4,759	6,865	9,809	10,507
Mackerel.....	352	700	437	406
Pollock.....	1,436	1,630	2,200	1,928
Ocean perch.....	6,980	10,185	12,251	9,438
Whiting.....	875	1,003	1,599	1,482
Other salt-water filletts.....	1,873	3,769	5,238	5,200
Flounders (including sole).....	770	964	1,333	1,764
Halibut.....	4,930	5,092	11,759	8,976
Herring, sea.....	1,157	1,547	929	779
Mackerel, Boston.....	1,216	395	2,110	1,638
Sablefish.....	2,389	2,599	1,977	1,458
Salmon:				
King or chinook.....	2,020	1,566	4,005	3,342
Silver or coho.....	2,216	2,676	2,611	1,575
Fall or chum.....	1,204	1,442	1,581	971
Pink.....	78	10	49	192
Unclassified salmon.....	862	472	646	525
Scup (porgies).....	360	438	603	638
Smelt, sea.....	1,731	718	1,476	1,619
Swordfish.....	1,803	3,967	2,199	1,682
Tuna.....	394	944	110	690
Whiting (except filletts).....	5,875	8,932	12,238	8,618
Unclassified salt-water fish.....	10,040	12,370	15,820	12,946
Fresh-water fish: frozen				
Bait and animal food.....	1,387	1,401	2,536	2,454
Chubs.....	263	552	320	149
Lake herring & cisco (except filletts).....	464	444	515	388
Lake trout.....	409	429	764	626
Whitefish.....	1,322	1,020	1,970	2,242
Unclassified fresh-water filletts.....	486	356	713	493
Unclassified fresh-water fish.....	2,414	2,935	3,424	2,896
Shellfish: frozen				
Lobster tail (spiny lobster).....	1,520	1,875	2,662	2,688
Scallops.....	1,155	901	2,056	1,646
Shrimp.....	14,659	19,682	10,355	7,584
Squid.....	761	646	882	716
Unclassified shellfish.....	1,740	1,960	2,652	2,533
Total frozen fish and shellfish.....	91,392	113,996	142,040	119,762
Total cured fish.....	17,124	17,278	16,706	17,693
Total all fish and shellfish....	108,516	131,274	158,746	137,455

(1) Data furnished by the Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, which publishes a report giving detailed information, species, and geographical sections.

Table 17. — Gold storage holdings March 31, 1955, by geographic regions

Commodity	Unit	New England	Middle Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic	East South Central	West South Central	Mountain Pacific	Total
		Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.
FROZEN FRUITS										
Apples.....	Pounds	1,472	8,729	4,718	1,500	3,976	580	385	744	22,404
Apricots.....	"	40	438	728	377	66	13	170	35	3,500
Blackberries.....	"	120	1,091	1,170	718	125	755	231	1,323	7,148
Blueberries.....	"	2,690	2,601	2,857	877	187	82	92	2,925	9,399
Cherries.....	"	338	8,305	5,122	1,510	425	224	500	1,487	18,206
Grapes.....	"	17	2,761	4,638	80	17	60	140	1,155	7,864
Peaches.....	"	511	4,777	5,284	1,208	3,721	742	592	4,755	21,865
Plums and prunes.....	"	92	1,519	2,551	217	68	162	113	823	5,568
Raspberries.....	"	1,252	3,724	2,640	731	326	393	146	2,215	11,484
Strawberries.....	"	3,952	11,770	10,596	4,830	3,082	3,749	2,839	20,165	61,565
Young, Logan, Boysen, etc.....	"	34	437	541	158	14	52	79	3,903	5,218
All other fruits.....	"	1,143	4,717	2,647	762	1,815	430	420	3,282	15,426
Total.....	"	11,661	50,869	43,292	12,958	13,322	7,242	5,707	2,183	189,900
FROZEN JUICES										
Orange juice (1).....	Pounds	5,199	22,901	14,603	5,886	117,602	2,459	2,997	10,241	182,766
Other fruit juices and purees.....	"	1,761	24,725	8,698	6,351	21,878	1,110	5,218	6,510	76,670
FROZEN VEGETABLES										
Asparagus.....	Pounds	327	2,280	324	462	368	88	109	1,362	5,905
Beans, lima.....	"	1,349	13,907	6,584	3,280	6,465	1,548	2,045	15,383	55,847
Beans, snap.....	"	1,060	14,183	3,779	1,351	2,249	579	730	7,980	33,353
Broccoli.....	"	1,324	9,444	3,366	2,183	2,702	1,176	1,039	22,775	44,200
Brussels sprouts.....	"	324	3,058	1,199	1,081	546	282	358	4,374	11,318
Cauliflower.....	"	489	3,889	1,337	810	971	411	384	8,863	17,335
Corn, sweet.....	"	935	6,741	3,866	1,866	957	436	770	5,492	21,526
Peas, green.....	"	3,260	21,568	8,322	12,385	3,765	1,184	1,282	2,260	89,766
Pumpkin and squash.....	"	413	24,221	8,322	785	153	262	111	166	11,510
Spinach.....	"	908	14,691	2,920	1,707	4,741	911	2,231	1,214	10,739
All other vegetables.....	"	3,483	22,289	12,191	10,537	9,691	1,420	1,927	3,675	85,603
Total.....	"	13,872	114,272	45,910	37,557	33,628	8,297	11,086	10,719	416,625
FRUITS AND VEGETABLES										
Fresh apples.....	Bushels	206	1,133	427	92	763	16	59	3,728	6,492
Fresh pears.....	"	-	7	4	-	-	-	-	101	120
Fresh grapes.....	Pounds	-	134	33	4	-	-	34	1,174	1,379
Other fresh fruits.....	"	45	2,904	737	153	277	44	212	327	4,755
Dried and evaporated fruits.....	"	786	24,175	6,546	942	695	647	1,828	1,839	37,599
Onions.....	"	6	2,775	3,203	65	46	65	132	5,981	12,273
Celery.....	"	-	224	5	15	-	13	32	21	391
Other fresh vegetables.....	"	1,794	16,571	13,493	8,848	2,514	1,988	3,053	3,984	88,505
Peanut meats.....	"	1,423	1,749	8,715	159	17,949	5,569	14,063	2	50,218
Other nutmeats.....	"	1,727	8,729	4,729	2,204	681	341	2,206	8,989	30,239
Peanuts, in shell.....	"	-	192	565	42	230	15	28	39	1,111
Other nuts in shell.....	"	364	2,415	3,365	6,397	13,761	1,016	12,605	4	42,246

(1) Concentrated and single strength.

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Table 17. — Cold storage holdings March 31, 1953, by geographic regions -- Continued

Commodity	Unit	New England	Middle Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic	East South Central	West South Central	Mountain	Pacific	Total
		Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.
DAIRY PRODUCTS AND EGGS											
Cream (not including plastic).....	Pounds	514	4,094	1,170	148	208	345	127	42	990	7,638
Cream, plastic.....	"	161	362		119			65	25	3	735
Butter, creamery.....	"	921	15,618	44,111	57,352	1,091	2,219	5,180	833	1,996	129,261
Cheese, American Cheddar.....	"	1,719	26,542	125,484	16,456	1,236	7,915	5,832	1,823	7,491	194,498
Cheese, Swiss incl. block.....	"	1	6	10,752	2,525	8	440	287	85	145	14,644
Cheese, all other varieties.....	"	359	4,212	7,014	1,069	389	174	975	1,773	623	16,588
Eggs, shell.....	Cases	16	27	64	100	22	7	27	6	107	376
Eggs, frozen (total).....	Pounds	966	8,034	15,604	27,299	3,356	2,015	4,541	542	2,720	65,077
Eggs, dried (total).....	"	50	294	737	1,512	6		404	38	61	3,102
FROZEN POULTRY											
Broilers.....	Pounds	1,002	761	770	718	130	114	229	15	175	3,914
Fryers.....	"	701	4,101	1,635	1,325	3,131	552	614	187	1,660	13,956
Roasters.....	"	454	1,608	1,564	540	140	26	38	17	448	4,835
Powls.....	"	1,477	6,402	10,379	4,388	493	286	994	702	3,964	29,085
Turkeys.....	"	4,226	21,827	18,408	11,662	6,379	1,540	5,822	3,107	20,001	92,972
Ducks.....	"	66	480	322	111	79	12	74	2	390	1,566
Miscellaneous.....	"	108	2,557	2,969	1,080	156	30	139	558	895	8,492
Unclassified.....	"	350	1,501	10,620	670	1,761	1,137	1,058	149	2,531	19,777
Total.....	"	8,384	39,237	46,697	20,494	12,319	3,697	8,968	4,737	30,064	174,597
MEATS AND MEAT PRODUCTS											
Beef, frozen.....	Pounds	14,069	38,252	64,479	33,356	10,058	6,446	22,510	3,468	26,640	219,278
Veal, frozen.....	"	1,327	4,279	3,209	1,945	2,894	581	3,249	203	2,168	19,955
Pork, frozen.....	"	7,632	26,398	116,577	154,006	17,643	8,879	19,381	5,961	15,864	372,341
Lamb and mutton, frozen.....	"	1,110	6,864	4,286	4,158	202	1,311	1,389	601	962	20,883
Beef, in cure, cured and smoked.....	"	86	2,078	5,393	4,225	447	17	187	35	538	13,105
Dry salt pork, in cure & cured.....	"	321	448	14,853	18,792	3,211	465	2,152	747	889	41,878
All other pork, in cure, cured and smoked.....	"	3,817	12,326	31,941	78,218	10,513	1,289	6,723	2,133	9,312	156,272
All edible offals.....	"	2,099	6,926	19,516	23,796	3,321	1,736	1,915	1,022	2,837	63,168
Sausage room products.....	"	339	5,792	4,120	5,881	2,024	307	470	214	1,534	20,681
Canned meats and meat products.....	"	767	6,034	20,947	26,310	769	300	2,031	414	4,165	61,737
Total.....	"	31,567	109,397	285,321	350,787	51,082	21,431	60,007	14,798	64,909	989,299
Hides and pelts.....	Pounds	3,508	1,394	15,806	27,538	1,683	505	3,724	1,385	1,428	56,971
Fish, frozen.....	"	24,750	33,423	15,626	7,493	5,909	6,000	5,510	858	(1)22,193	119,762

(1) Includes fish in Alaska.

